

Amendments to the drawings:

Figures 2, 3, and 10, amended in accordance with the instant notice, are presented in the drawings Replacement Sheets (Appendix, *supra*), in place of the corresponding figures currently of record.

Attachment:

Replacement Sheets.

Remarks/Arguments:

Applicants wish to thank Primary Examiner Olga N. Chernyshev, Ph.D., for the instant notice, providing for timely reply to address the issues raised, therein.

Amended drawing figures are submitted, herewith, as set forth above, in compliance with the instant notice.

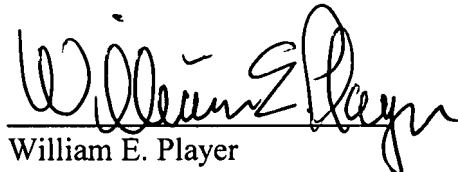
An amended Sequence Listing (on paper and in CRF), accompanied by the requisite statement under PTO Rule 821(g) and amendment entering the Sequence Listing, are concurrently submitted herewith, also, in compliance with the instant notice.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX
(Replacement Sheets of Drawings)